

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 10 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 2-9 and 11-14 have been amended. Claims 15-26 have been added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present application is requested.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 4, 6 and 13 are allowable.

With regard to claim 4, this claim has been amended, *inter alia*, to be rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 also includes additional language to clarify that the scheduler is adapted to prevent the simultaneous activation of modules that interfere with each other by, in at least one case (i.e., not necessarily in all cases of interfering modules), interrupting an activated module and activating the additional module after the activated module is interrupted. Claims 2, 3 and 5-9 have been amended to depend from claim 4. Accordingly, claims 2-9 should now be allowed.

New claim 15 includes the subject matter of original claim 6. Claims 16-21 depend from claim 15. Claims 15-21 should now be allowed for at least the reasons that the Examiner believes original claim 6 was allowable.

Claim 13 has been amended to be rewritten in independent form. Claims 11, 12 and 14 depend from claim 13. Thus, claims 11-14 should now be allow.

New claim 22 includes language similar to that of original claim 13. Claim 23-26 depend from claim 22. It is submitted that claims 22-26 are in condition for allowance.

REJECTED CLAIMS

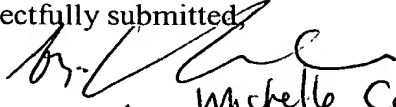
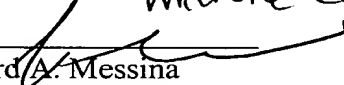
Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,780,820 to Crossley. Claims 2 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Crossley in further view of alleged "Admitted Prior Art." Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Crossley. These rejections should now be withdrawn in view of the cancellation (without prejudice) of claims 1 and 10, and the amendments to the remaining claims, as set forth above.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is requested.
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative, Michelle Carniaux, at 212-908-6036 for any issues outstanding in the present application.

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